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Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem: follow-up to the high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in view of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016

Sweden and United States of America: draft resolution

Development and dissemination of the International Standards of Treatment of Drug Use Disorders

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol,[1] the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971[2] and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988,[3]

Stressing, in particular, article 38 of the 1961 Convention as amended, according to which parties to the Convention shall take all practicable measures for the provision of early identification, treatment, education, aftercare, rehabilitation and social reintegration of the persons involved and shall coordinate their efforts and promote the training of personnel in drug treatment, aftercare, rehabilitation and social reintegration of abusers of drugs,

Bearing in mind the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World

* E/CN.7/2016/1.
[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 976, No. 14152.
[2] Ibid., vol. 1019, No. 14956.
[3] Ibid., vol. 1582, No. 27627.

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Drug Problem,[4] in which Member States reiterated their commitment to promote, develop, review or strengthen effective, comprehensive, integrated drug demand reduction programmes, based on scientific evidence,

Recalling the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction,[5] which affirms that Member States should, inter alia, support the development and adoption of standards on drug treatment,

Recalling also that the Sustainable Development Goals[6] call for strengthening the treatment of substance abuse, including narcotic drug abuse,

Acknowledging that drug use disorders are not the result of a moral failure or a criminal issue but are complex health disorders characterized by a chronic and relapsing nature and, therefore, that people suffering from drug use disorders have the same rights as other patients, including implementation of responses that are based on standardized procedures supported by scientific evidence,

Convinced of the importance of a multisectoral and fully coordinated approach in which multiple government agencies and non-governmental organizations cooperate, in accordance with national legislation, to support the development of policies and programmes that promote early identification and intervention, treatment, care, rehabilitation, social reintegration, sustained recovery and related support services, as appropriate,

Stressing that, like with any other health disorder, the development of standards for treatment of drug use disorders is consistent with human rights obligations and in line with the Constitution of the World Health Organization, which states that "the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition",

Emphasizing the need to ensure access to adequate scientific evidence-based treatment of drug use disorders, including for people affected by drug use disorders in the prison system, in accordance with national legislation,

Convinced of the importance of providing comprehensive, integrated, outcome-focused treatment therapies, to be made available to those suffering from or affected by substance use disorders, in order to ensure that all people have access to effective treatment and supportive services that promote their recovery, and also convinced of the effectiveness of inclusive, holistic, self-directed and family-centred approaches providing services and support that are tailored to fit individuals' needs, and of promoting the active participation and involvement of those suffering from substance use disorders, their families and support services in treatment recovery programmes,

Welcoming the ongoing work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the World Health Organization in raising awareness of drug use disorders as a public health concern and in providing technical assistance to Member States to improve the quality and ensure the availability of and increase access to effective

[4] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 8* (E/2009/28), chap. I, sect. C.

[5] General Assembly resolution S-20/3, annex.

[6] General Assembly resolution 70/1.

science-, human rights- and ethics-based services for the treatment of drug use disorders,

Noting with appreciation the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the World Health Organization in developing the International Standards of Treatment of Drug Use Disorders,

1. *Encourages* all Member States to consider expanding the coverage and improving the quality of drug treatment systems, interventions and policies based on scientific evidence in line with the International Standards of Treatment of Drug Use Disorders;

2. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in collaboration with other relevant international organizations, including the World Health Organization, as appropriate and subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, to develop initiatives to support the dissemination of the International Standards of Treatment of Drug Use Disorders;

3. *Also requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in collaboration with other relevant international organizations, including the World Health Organization, as appropriate and subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, to provide Member States, upon request, with advice and guidance based on scientific evidence, and provide capacity-building in support of their efforts to implement the International Standards of Treatment of Drug Use Disorders;

4. *Encourages* Member States to initiate systematic processes of national adaptation of the International Standards of Treatment of Drug Use Disorders, the adoption of national standards and the accreditation of services to ensure a qualified and evidence-based response to drug use disorders, and requests the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in collaboration with other relevant international organizations, including the World Health Organization, as appropriate and subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, to assist Member States in these processes, upon request;

5. *Invites* Member States, through bilateral, regional and international cooperation, as appropriate, to collaborate in the implementation of the International Standards of Treatment of Drug Use Disorders, through the exchange of information and the provision of assistance, including technical assistance, upon request, with a view to enhancing their ability to implement the International Standards;

6. *Urges* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to support Member States, upon request, in improving the knowledge and skills of their policymakers, practitioners and researchers working in the area of treatment of drug use disorders who use the International Standards;

7. *Invites* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue coordinating efforts for the dissemination of the International Standards of Treatment of Drug Use Disorders with other relevant United Nations organizations, in particular the World Health Organization;

8. *Invites* Member States and other donors to consider providing extrabudgetary resources for the purposes described above, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations.